Attacks on Hindu Temples in Pakistan

183. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some Hindu temples in Hyderabad (Sind) in Pakistan besides some shops and houses owned by Hindus there were attacked recently and that the Indian Consulate General in Karachi became a target of an explosive device;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) Reports emanating from Pakistan in May—June, 1987 indicate that there have been attacks on Hindu temples as well as on shops and properties belonging to the Hindu community in Sind.

An explosive device was thrown at the Consulate General of India in Karachi on May 27, 1987. While there were no casualties, the roof of the waiting area for visa applicants was damaged.

(c) Government considers it to be the responsibility of the Government of Pakistan to provide full protection to the minority communities in Pakistan as well as to our Missions located there.

The attack on the Consulate General of India in Karachi was taken up with the Government of Pakistan which expressed deep regret at the incident, ordered a detailed investigation and assured full protection for the safety and welfare of our officials.

Non-payment of employees' contribution towards Provident Fund Accounts by certain industrial Houses/companies in West Bengal

184. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the West Bengal Government publication, "Labour in West Bengal 1986" wherein it has been pointed out that 78 industrial houses/companies have not paid the share of employees' contribution amounting to Rs. 86 crores towards their provident fund accounts; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P.A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of Rajya Sabha.

Punjab Accord

185. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state at what stage does the implementation of Punjab Accord rest now particularly in the context of the Haryana Government's unambiguous rejection of the Accord?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): The Government has not received any communication from the Government of Haryana regarding rejection of the Punjab Accord. Out of 11 items in the Memorandum of Settlement, 8 items (compensation to innocent persons Killed) (item: 1); Army recruitment (item: 2); Inquiry into November incidents (item: 3); Rehabilitation of those discharged from Army (item: 4) Disposal of pending cases (item: 6) Centre-State Relations (item: 8); Representation of Minorities (item: 10)

and promotion of Punjabi language (item:11) have already been implemented. Action has been initiated to implement the remaining 3 items. All India Gurudwara Act (item:5); Territorial Claims (item:7) and Sharing of river waters (item:9), as well.

Territorial Claims (item 7): On the basis of the Venkataramiah Commission's report submitted on 10.6.1986, the question of specifying the villages comprising about 70,000 acres to be transferred from Punjab to Haryana in lieu of Chandigarh, has, on 20-6-86, been referred to Hon'ble Justice D.A. Desai, retired Judge, Supreme Court of India and Chairman of the Law Commission of India.

Sharing of river water (item: 9): A 3 Member Tribunal comprising Shri Justice V. Balakrishna Eradi, Judge of the Supreme Court as Chairman and Shri Justice A.M. Ahmadi, Judge of the Gujarat High Court and Shri Justice P. C. Balakrishna Menon, Judge of the Kerala High Court as two members of Tribunal, was constituted on 2nd April, 1986. The Tribunal submitted its Report on 30th January, 1987 and the same was forwarded by the Ministry of Water Resources to the concerned State Governments on 30th May, 1987.

All India Gurudwara Act (item:5): The Chief Ministers of all States and Union Territories have been requested to convey their views in the matter.

The Government has made sincere efforts to implement the Punjab Accord and further efforts in this direction are continuing.

Demand for autonomous State Comprising Karbi-Anglong and North Cachar Hills districts

186. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a ministerial level Central team recently visited Karbi-Anglong and North Cachar Hills in Assam to gather first hand knowledge of the demand for creation of an autonomous States comprising the two hill districts;

(b) whether any report has since been submitted by the Central team; and

(c) if so, what are the salient features of the report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

'Darjeeling Type', Stir in Sikkim

187. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a 'Darjeeling tpye' stir is in the offing in Sikkim;

(b) what are the main demands on which such a stir is proposed; and

(c) what steps are being taken by the Central Government in that regard?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Jute modernisation fund

188. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to refer to answer to the Starred Question 194 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 28th April, 1987 and state:

(a) whether the Jute Modernisation Fund of Rs. 150 crores has since been established;

(b) if so, what are the details of the schemes under the said Fund and the stages of implementation of the various schemes;